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Kedington News



Dear families,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! We hope you all had a fantastic summer and are ready to dive into another year of learning, growth, and unforgettable experiences. Here is a short newsletter to keep you informed about the key events and important updates as we kick off the school year.

PD Days

Last week, our staff engaged in two Professional Development days which were dedicated to updating safeguarding training for all staff, deepening our commitment to our school's priorities and reinforcing our core values. As the year progresses, we hope to share further information with you via monthly newsletters.

New Attendance Policy

This year, we have a new Trust Attendance Policy which all Unity schools will be following. There are important changes to be aware of regarding fixed penalty notices for holidays taken in term time. We will be emailing a short version of the policy for parents to read and our Trust Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.

Parents are asked to call or email the school office before 8.30am if their child will be absent. Please email: absences@kedingtonprimary.co.uk

A holiday absence form must also be completed and handed into the office before any planned absence is taken. As part of our safeguarding protocols, it is important we know where children are and for how long they are absent from school. Please ensure this form is completed prior to any planned absence so office staff do not have to spend time chasing - thank you.



Copies of this newsletter and previous editions are available on our website.



Ofsted

As many of you know, we had a visit from Ofsted just before the summer holidays. A draft version of our Ofsted report has been sent to the school and the final report should be published very soon. We will write to you all again when this becomes available.

Staff Changes

We're thrilled to introduce some returning faces to our school community:

Mrs Jordan - Year 1 Teacher

Mrs Jordan joins us with a strong background in early childhood education and a passion for nurturing young learners. She previously worked at Kedington teaching our Reception class and is now enjoying being a part of the Year 1 team.

Miss Thomson - Reception class

Miss Thomson will has joined us again as an additional Learning Support Assistant in China class. With her background in supporting our Reception class last year, we are thrilled to have her back in China class while Mrs Bradnam is teaching the Reception class at Steeple Bumpstead Primary School.

Mrs Driver - Reception class

Like Mrs Jordan, Mrs Driver also worked at Kedington teaching Reception class. We are thrilled to welcome her back again to the Kedington team. Mrs Driver will be teaching China class on Fridays while Mrs Bradnam is at Steeple school.

Gold Book Assemblies

As posted on Dojo, we will now be having Friday gold book assemblies once again in the school hall. We feel it is important to have live assemblies like we did before the pandemic, to celebrate achievements together in person. It will also mean we avoid the technical glitches! Parents of children who are receiving a gold book award, will be invited to attend in person and should arrive at the office at 8.50am to be seated for an 8.55am start. Teachers will record the receiving of the award and post on class pages for those who are unable to attend.

School Website

We are delighted to share that we have a new school website! Please bear with us as we continue to finalise sections of this, we are hopeful we will go live today.



Dates for your diary

September 2024	Event
Monday 9 th	Year 3 swimming begins
Wednesday 25 th	Year 3 Lion King Trip to London
October 2024	
Monday 14 th	Individual class photos/siblings
Tuesday 15 th	Mini Marathon
Wednesday 16 th	Harvest Festival – 2.00pm at Kedington Church
Monday 21 st	Show and Share 3.15pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Show and Share 8.00 am Parents' evening 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Thursday 24 th	Parents' evening 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Monday 28 th	Half term - 2 weeks
November 2024	
Monday 11 th - 15 th	Year 6 PGL Residential
Monday 11 th	Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 12 th	Odd socks day
Wednesday 20 th	Open morning - prospective parents
Tuesday 26 th	Flu immunisation programme
December 2024	
Tuesday 3 rd	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 4 th	KS1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 10 th	EYFS Christmas Production
Monday 16 th	Christmas Service at Kedington Church
Tuesday 17 th	Christmas lunch
Friday 20 th	Role Model Assembly Last day of term